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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965, adopted and opened for signature and ratification the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and invited the States referred to in article 17 of the Convention to sign and ratify it without delay. By the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to it reports concerning the state of ratifications of the Convention, which would be considered by the Assembly at future sessions. In response to that request, reports on the status of the Convention have been submitted to the Assembly annually since its twenty-first session in 1966.

2. By its resolution 45/89 of 14 December 1990, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention (A/45/402); reaffirmed once again its conviction that ratification or accession to the Convention on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions were necessary for the realization of the objectives of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination; called upon States parties to the Convention to consider the possibility of making the declaration provided for in article 14 of the Convention; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a report concerning the status of the Convention, in accordance with Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX).

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3. The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination was opened for signature in New York on 7 March 1966. It entered into force on 4 January 1969, on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the twenty-seventh instrument of ratification, as provided for in article 19 of the Convention.

4. As at 14 August 1992, the Convention had been ratified or acceded to by 132 States parties, and 4 other States parties had signed but not yet ratified the Convention. The list of States that had signed, ratified, acceded or succeeded to the Convention, as well as the dates of their signatures, ratifications, accessions or successions is contained in the annex to the present report.

5. As at the same date, 16 of the States parties to the Convention, namely Algeria, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine and Uruguay, had made the declaration provided for under article 14 of the Convention, recognizing the competence of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to receive and consider communications from individuals or groups of individuals within their jurisdiction claiming to be victims of violation by those States parties of any of the rights set forth in the Convention. The provisions of article 14 entered into force on 3 December 1982 in accordance with paragraph 9 of that article.

6. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination normally holds two regular sessions annually of three weeks' duration each. The 1992 summer session was curtailed to two weeks owing to the critical financial situation arising from the non-fulfilment by a number of States parties of their financial obligations under article 8 of the Convention. The spring session of 1992, which had been scheduled to meet in Geneva from 2 to 20 March, was cancelled for the same reason.

7. At its forty-eighth session, the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1992/15 of 21 February 1992, invited meetings of States parties to consider ways and means of strengthening the collection of contributions and of making procedures more effective and, if necessary, to reconsider the position of States parties that are substantially in default on their assessed contributions.

8. The General Assembly, in its decision 46/429 of 17 December 1991, requested the States parties to the Convention to consider at their next meeting in January 1992 an amendment proposed by the Government of Australia in respect of article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention and requested the meeting of States parties to limit the scope of any revision of the Convention to the question of arrangements for meeting the expenses of members of the Committee while they are performing Committee duties, as provided for in article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention.

9. At their fourteenth meeting, the States parties approved the amendment to article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention, adding a new paragraph as article 8, paragraph 7, reading as follows: "The members of the Committee established under the present Convention shall, with the approval of the General Assembly, receive emoluments from United Nations resources on such terms and conditions as the General Assembly may decide." In addition, the States parties recommended that the Assembly approve the amendment at its forty-seventh session and decided that the amendment should enter into force when it had been approved by the Assembly and accepted by a two-thirds majority of States parties which had so notified the Secretary-General as depositary.

10. In accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Committee is to submit, through the Secretary-General, an annual report to the General Assembly. The 1992 report, to be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session, is to cover the activities of the Committee at its forty-first session.

ANNEX

A. States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (132) as at 14 August 1992

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession	Entry into force
Afghanistan	6 July 1983 a/	5 August 1983
Algeria	14 February 1972	15 March 1972
Antigua and Barbuda	25 October 1988 b/	25 October 1988 b/
Argentina	2 October 1968	4 January 1969
Australia	30 September 1975	30 October 1975
Austria	9 May 1972	8 June 1972
Bahamas	5 August 1975 b/	5 August 1975 b/
Bahrain	27 March 1990 a/	26 April 1990
Bangladesh	11 June 1979 a/	11 July 1979
Barbados	8 November 1972 a/	8 December 1972
Belarus	8 April 1969	8 May 1969
Belgium	7 August 1975	6 September 1975
Bolivia	22 September 1970	22 October 1970
Botswana	20 February 1974 a/	22 March 1974
Brazil	27 March 1968	4 January 1969
Bulgaria	8 August 1966	4 January 1969
Burkina Faso	18 July 1974 a/	17 August 1974
Burundi	27 October 1977	26 November 1977
Cambodia	28 November 1983	28 December 1983
Cameroon	24 June 1971	24 July 1971
Canada	14 October 1970	15 November 1970
Cape Verde	3 October 1979 a/	2 November 1979
Central African Republic	16 March 1971	15 April 1971
Chad	17 August 1977 a/	16 September 1977
Chile	20 October 1971	19 November 1971
China	29 December 1981 a/	28 January 1982

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State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession	Entry into force
Colombia	2 September 1981	2 October 1981
Congo	11 July 1988 a/	10 August 1988
Costa Rica	16 January 1967	4 January 1969
Côte d'Ivoire	4 January 1973 a/	3 February 1973
Cuba	15 February 1972	16 March 1972
Cyprus	21 April 1967	4 January 1969
Czech and Slovak Federal Republic	29 December 1966	4 January 1969
Denmark	9 December 1971	8 January 1972
Dominican Republic	25 May 1983 a/	24 June 1983
Ecuador	22 September 1966 a/	4 January 1969
Egypt	1 May 1967	4 January 1969
El Salvador	30 November 1979 a/	30 December 1979
Estonia	21 October 1991 a/	20 November 1991
Ethiopia	23 June 1976 a/	23 July 1976
Fiji	11 January 1973 b/	11 January 1973 b/
Finland	14 July 1970	13 August 1970
France	28 July 1971 a/	27 August 1971
Gabon	29 February 1980	30 March 1980
Gambia	29 December 1978 a/	28 January 1979
Germany	16 May 1969	15 June 1969
Ghana	8 September 1966	4 January 1969
Greece	18 June 1970	18 July 1970
Guatemala	18 January 1983	17 February 1983
Guinea	14 March 1977	13 April 1977
Guyana	15 February 1977	17 March 1977
Haiti	19 December 1972	18 January 1973
Holy See	1 May 1969	31 May 1969
Hungary	1 May 1967	4 January 1969
Iceland	13 March 1967	4 January 1969
India	3 December 1968	4 January 1969

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession	Entry into force
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	29 August 1968	4 January 1969
Iraq	14 January 1970	13 February 1970
Israel	3 January 1979	2 February 1979
Italy	5 January 1976	4 February 1976
Jamaica	4 June 1971	4 July 1971
Jordan	30 May 1974 a/	29 June 1974
Kuwait	15 October 1968 a/	4 January 1969
Lao People's Democratic Republic	22 February 1974 a/	24 March 1974
Latvia	14 April 1992 a/	14 May 1992
Lebanon	12 November 1971 a/	12 December 1971
Lesotho	4 November 1971 a/	4 December 1971
Liberia	5 November 1976 a/	5 December 1976
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	3 July 1968 a/	4 January 1969
Luxembourg	1 May 1978	31 May 1978
Madagascar	7 February 1969	9 March 1969
Maldives	24 April 1984 a/	24 May 1984
Mali	16 July 1974 a/	15 August 1974
Malta	27 May 1971	26 June 1971
Mauritania	13 December 1988	12 January 1989
Mauritius	30 May 1972 a/	29 June 1972
Mexico	20 February 1975	22 March 1975
Mongolia	6 August 1969	5 September 1969
Morocco	18 December 1970	17 January 1971
Mozambique	18 April 1983 a/	18 May 1983
Namibia	11 November 1982 a/	11 December 1982
Nepal	30 January 1971 a/	1 March 1971
Netherlands	10 December 1971	9 January 1972
New Zealand	22 November 1972	22 December 1972
Nicaragua	15 February 1978 a/	17 March 1978
Niger	27 April 1967	4 January 1969

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession	Entry into force
Nigeria	16 October 1967 a/	4 January 1969
Norway	6 August 1970	5 September 1970
Pakistan	21 September 1966	4 January 1969
Panama	16 August 1967	4 January 1969
Papua New Guinea	27 January 1982 a/	26 February 1982
Peru	29 September 1971	29 October 1971
Philippines	15 September 1967	4 January 1969
Poland	5 December 1968	4 January 1969
Portugal	24 August 1982 a/	23 September 1982
Qatar	22 July 1976 a/	21 August 1976
Republic of Korea	5 December 1978 a/	4 January 1979
Romania	15 September 1970 a/	15 October 1970
Russian Federation	4 February 1969	6 March 1969
Rwanda	16 April 1975 a/	16 May 1975
Saint Lucia	14 February 1990 b/	14 February 1990 b/
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	9 November 1981 a/	9 December 1981
Senegal	19 April 1972	19 May 1972
Seychelles	7 March 1978 a/	6 April 1978
Sierra Leone	2 August 1967	4 January 1969
Slovenia	6 July 1992 b/	6 July 1992
Solomon Islands	17 March 1982 b/	17 March 1982 b/
Somalia	26 August 1975	25 September 1975
Spain	13 September 1968 a/	4 January 1969
Sri Lanka	18 February 1982 a/	20 March 1982
Sudan	21 March 1977 a/	20 April 1977
Suriname	15 March 1984 b/	15 March 1984 b/
Swaziland	7 April 1969 a/	7 May 1969
Sweden	6 December 1971	5 January 1972
Syrian Arab Republic	21 April 1969 a/	21 May 1969
Togo	1 September 1972 a/	1 October 1972

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession	Entry into force
Tonga	16 February 1972 a/	17 March 1972
Trinidad and Tobago	4 October 1973	3 November 1973
Tunisia	13 January 1967	4 January 1969
Uganda	21 November 1980 a/	21 December 1980
Ukraine	7 March 1969	6 April 1969
United Arab Emirates	20 June 1974 a/	20 July 1974
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	7 March 1969	6 April 1969
United Republic of Tanzania	27 October 1972 a/	26 November 1972
Uruguay	30 August 1968	4 January 1969
Venezuela	10 October 1967	4 January 1969
Viet Nam	9 June 1982 a/	9 July 1982
Yemen	18 October 1972 a/	17 November 1972
Yugoslavia	2 October 1967	4 January 1969
Zaire	21 April 1976 a/	21 May 1976
Zambia	4 February 1972	5 March 1972
Zimbabwe	13 May 1991 a/	12 June 1991

B. States parties that have made the declaration under article 14, paragraph 1, of the Convention

State party	Date of deposit of the declaration	Effective date
Algeria	12 September 1989	12 September 1989
Costa Rica	8 January 1974	8 January 1974
Denmark	11 October 1985	11 October 1985
Ecuador	18 March 1977	18 March 1977
France	16 August 1982	16 August 1982
Hungary	13 September 1990	13 September 1990
Iceland	10 August 1981	10 August 1981
Italy	5 May 1978	5 May 1978
Netherlands	10 December 1971	9 January 1972

State party	Date of deposit of the declaration	Effective date
Norway	23 January 1976	23 January 1976
Peru	27 November 1984	27 November 1984
Russian Federation	1 October 1991	1 October 1991
Senegal	3 December 1982	3 December 1982
Sweden	6 December 1971	5 January 1972
Ukraine	28 July 1992	28 July 1992
Uruguay	11 September 1972	11 September 1972

Notes

a/ Accession.

b/ Date of receipt of notification of succession.